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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir,

This letter is in response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2008, and further to the Notice of Appeal filed on July 2, 2008 for which the deadline for filing an appeal brief is February 2, 2009, with a five-month extension of time previously requested. The Applicants are filing herewith and hereby request a Request for Continued Examination in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 132 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, and further request that the above-identified application be amended as set forth herein and re-examined in accordance with the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

A **Claim Listing** is provided for the Examiner's reference on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.

A Rule 1.132 declaration is being filed concurrently herewith.